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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 STEVEN VANCE, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-1082JLR

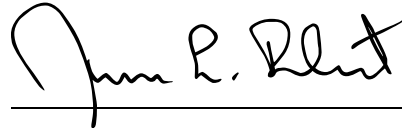
NOTICE TO PARTIES

15 It has come to the court's attention that the court's conflict-checking system did  
16 not identify that International Business Machines Corp. ("IBM") is included on the  
17 undersigned's conflict list when IBM appeared as an interested party in this action in  
18 August 2021. The undersigned's conflict with IBM arises from a small number of shares  
19 held by his spouse in her individual retirement account.

20 The court DIRECTS each party to file a response to this notice regarding (1)  
21 whether the party consents to the undersigned continuing to preside over this matter and  
22 (2) if the party does not consent, the party's position regarding whether the court should

1 vacate any orders entered after IBM appeared in this case. The parties shall file their  
2 responses by January 7, 2022.

3 Dated this 28th day of December, 2021.

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6 JAMES L. ROBART  
7 United States District Judge  
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